

## **21: Inmate US**

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02 E- How would you describe the Makeright project? What did you  
make of it?

03 U- Is safety and you carry on doing all kinds of things - is safety  
mostly, you have safety.

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04 E- You feel safe?

05 U- Yes.

06 E- Have you experienced a course like this before?

07 U- No.

08 E- Nave you been in prison before?

09 U- No.

10 E- This is your first course, yeah?

11 U- First course, first prison everything the first.

12 E- Ok, what did you know from before what skills you think you  
brought to the workshop, to the project.

13 U- Nothing. I don't think I knew before the workshop how can you think  
like this. In my country, you make it for the single person do the work  
make it for the shirt and like this same I would go and (...) things. That's it.

14 E- Is it India that you referring to?

15 U- Yes.

16 E- There was a tuktuk yesterday from India from bags that were  
done in India. They did the same project obviously their skills are  
very good because they have the background of...

17 U- Tailor yes, same like tailor.

18 E- Ok and what did you learn?

19 U- Here, in the textiles? How can you make the bag, how can you  
make the safety thing, how can you carry on with bags how kind  
of type you need the bags what kind of type you need the bags  
what kind of things you carry on with things all kinds of things.

20 E- Brilliant. And what was more relevant for you? What was the most important thing that you learned?

21 U- Yes that's what I said before. Before I don't do for this bags how can you make it the bags, how can you close and everything. In my country is most the bags for Indian rupees, 200 rupees here is 2 pound. But in my country is 200 pound. But is my country but my country is very expensive but I learn for here is very cheap so if I go bag if I make a business and do for make it bag is very easy and make it for here how can I make land for here how can make the bag for cost for more profit.

22 E- So you are thinking of doing a business?

23 U- Yes, maybe, yes.

24 E- In India? 'Cause you are thinking of going back to India?

25 U- I will go back not sure but if I go if I have any problem and I go back I do this bussiness my friends my some friends is tailor but not bag tailor he will make shirt and friend he cost of maybe he spend for money the threat the ... he will make it for 20 rupees indian rupees but you collect for the person one shirt 100 rupees so he will profit for one shirt 80 rupees so that's his most valuable in my country.

26 E- So you are thinking the same with bags?

27 U- Yes, yes. The same, the same can go to make bag school bags the school children's the bag every year it will change every year. He will spend money for the parents the government give for the free bags so will spend for the shops so each bag 200 rupees the heavy bags for ladies so is too much. too expensive. So if you alter, maybe he will make 100 rupees, he would take 200 rupees pocket.

28 E- It's a good business - so you are thinking at it as business?

29 U- So you make profit.


30 E- What was your background - what did you do before coming here?

31 U- I had a shop, a shop foodware shop in my country.

32 E- In India? And what brought you to the UK? Why did you come to the UK?

33 U- My family problems so that's why I came here.

34 E- You came here and what did you do here - did you work?

 E- emplo/Entrepreneurship

35 U- Before I work. I work for one off-licence two months then after I go for the club this night club I working for before the club I working like security then after promote for board and do staff counting list.

36 E- What was school experience for you - how was school for you? Did you go in India, I imagine?

37 U- Yes no too much. Only for 10th my class the 10th. You have... high school.

38 E- Oh and then you stopped? You stopped when you were 10?

39 U- Yes then return after two years I will written for here.

40 E- You came here when you were 12 years old? As a child?

41 U- No, I said - high school then I go for the business.

42 E- Ah, ok so... you went to work in business. What business were you in when you were in India ?

43 U- Footwear and mobile shop or...

44 E- Brilliant ok - but you liked school, you liked school or... is it something you enjoyed, learning?

45 U- Yes.

46 E- Yes, brilliant. Did you like the volunteers what did you think of the volunteers... students who came here?

47 U- Is a nice person you know they were helping how can make the different kind of design before I think only for bag maybe he would come and teach me how can you make the bag how can you make the design course how can you folding the site and everything he would teach for me, that's good.

48 E- Yes, brilliant yeah. And did you have any memorable moments something that you will remember? Any moments you will remember?

49 U- Yes I will remember first day to last day yes how can you, he would teach more than 10 people how can you make the defense how can you think about the people that will carry on what the person he is working how can you carry on transport all that.

50 E- Did you tell anyone about this project ?

51 U- Yes, I will tell to my room mates in my wings and all of them say to him if you come you learn you go out you will make it to one business in one hand in one length say for my brother yes I come and see for you I join you.

52 E- Anyone outside? Did you talk about this to anyone outside?



F- Family/friends

53 U- No. I have lots of friends here but no-one pick my call is the prison so that's why no-one pick my call when they come first day what happened what happened and I tell my story anyone stop for me speaking now so I don't say like that I go for different class everything nothing.

E- So you said your friends did not talk to you anymore?

54 U- Yes in the prison he would not talk for him all off this topic.

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56 E- They stopped talking to you, your friends outside...? Why do you think is that? Is that what happens in India, is that a cultural do you think if you were prison in India do you think your friends would stop talking to you as well?

57 U- No.

58 E- No.

59 U- Sometimes if you look back the time it would stop because you think about your person even before the jail so you have been if I talk to you if I am friends with you sometimes the police watch him he like think about crazy thing so that's why he would talk away from friends. So no problem, I will make new friends.



F- Family/friends

60 E- Did you make friends here as well?

61 U- Yes.

62 E- In this workshop?

63 U- Yes more 2 or 5 friends, J and A everyone friends.

64 E- Was it a good environment would you say?

65 U- Yes.



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66 E- Did you like working with them?

67 U- Yes of course we are helping all together so I will happy.

68 E- Yes. Did you notice any changes in terms of how happy you are?

Do you think it changed anything in your personality?

U- Before I did not speak English very well. In my country my first language is Tamil, when I came UK I can't speak, how do you spell how do you person anything. I am confused what you say. Then I learn here, when I came to the prison I go for English class more and more and more and I improve. Now I think I improve now, and textiles also more than improve I think.

69 E- Yes? Very quickly? Why do you think - because you were talking a lot?

70 U- (laughs). More than I guess.

71 U- I don't talking more because now still I don't understand some words so I will first gather for works what you think, what you asking then I think about my mind he is asking before this thing or that thing then I will answer for lately so that's why I don't speak anything. maybe close friend offers help that's the thing.

72 E- And what would you say are your hopes and fears? You know what hopes means, hope is like good things that can happen to you and fear's bad things ?

73 U- Yes, I would do the wrong person in the friends that's why I come here now stopping.

74 E- So your hope is to go out and not have those friends?

75 U- Yes.

76 E- Yes... brilliant. Do you think this makes the biggest difference to you?

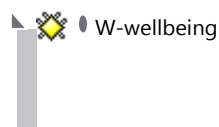
77 U- This course if you go out, if you have any money anyone's support for me I would do one business that's what I will do here.

78 E- Do you think the volunteers as well helped in your language, in your communication, do you think?

79 U- Yes good I will learn that is good.

80 E- And what about everyday mood - better or worse?

81 U- Yes better. Before I go only morning English class after I go to sleep because I don't have any work so I go and take it and then go to



sleep now I come to textiles and come and learn so I am happy.

82 E- Ok, thank you very much.

83 U- That's it?

84 E- That's it, thank you very much.